



Section Twelve

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Crimes motivated by hate and bias tend to erode the basic fabric of society. Bias incidents having a racial, religious, ethnic, sexual or gender component as well as crimes against individuals with a handicap, manifest themselves in a wide spectrum of criminal activities. These bias incidents jeopardize the active and open pursuit of freedom and opportunity. They attack our citizens based on their race, religion, ethnic heritage, sexual orientation, handicap, or gender. Closely linked to such heritage are individual values, beliefs, and identities.

Realizing that no agency within the state was collecting complete data on bias incidents, a broad-based Ad Hoc committee was created to develop a comprehensive statewide reporting system. As a result of the committee's recommendation, Attorney General Executive Directive No. 1987-3 was issued mandating all New Jersey law enforcement agencies to begin reporting bias incident offenses to the Division of State Police, Uniform Crime Reporting Unit, on a monthly basis, effective January 1, 1988. On August 15, 1996, legislation was enacted which enhanced the state's definition of a bias incident to include crimes that are gender or handicap-motivated.

The directive was instituted to capture vital data in an effort to identify the problem. This information permits proper evaluation of progress in preventing bias crime and assist with necessary planning for the future.

This is the seventeenth annual publication concerning bias crimes, which contains comparisons to the previous year's statistics. The published statistics and graphs are the result of data submitted by the police community of New Jersey.

Hopefully, the information contained in this publication will be of value to various segments of society and serve its intended purpose.

BIAS INCIDENT STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Highlights of the 2004 bias incident offense statistics are listed below:

- New Jersey law enforcement agencies reported 810 bias incident investigations, resulting in 868 target-type based bias incident offenses in 2004, a 32% increase compared to 2003.
- Harassment accounted for 37% (322) of all bias incident offenses.
- Criminal mischief and damage to property accounted for 46% (399) of all bias incident offenses.
- Racial bias accounted for 45% (392) of all bias incident crimes in 2004.
- The target category of person accounted for 52% (453) of all bias offenses.
- The Black race represented the most frequent racial group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 35% (308) of all bias offenses.
- The Jewish religion represented the most frequent religious group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 36% (314) of all bias offenses.
- The Hispanic ethnicity represented the most frequent ethnic group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 4% (32) of all bias offenses.
- The most frequent day of occurrence was Monday (145 offenses).
- The most frequent month of occurrence was November (98 offenses).
- The most frequent place of occurrence was a residence, where 24% (208 offenses) of all bias incidents occurred.
- Forty-two percent (367) of all bias incident offenses were cleared with 13% (110) being cleared by arrest, and 30% (257) being exceptionally cleared.
- A total of 123 arrests (60 adults and 63 juveniles) were made resulting from bias incidents. Compared to 2003, arrests decreased six percent.

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES

2000 through 2004

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Murder	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	2	3	4	6	4
Aggravated Assault	21	15	12	26	5
Burglary	5	2	5	1	3
Larceny-Theft	2	2	-	4	-
Simple Assault	53	58	25	37	50
Fear of Bodily Violence	15	34	3	13	15
Arson	-	7	2	1	-
Criminal Mischief	292	333	252	291	391
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	24	23	8	5	8
Weapons Offense	2	-	-	-	3
Sex Offense (Except Rape)	-	-	-	1	-
Terroristic Threats	38	11	13	28	41
Trespass	-	2	1	-	1
Disorderly Conduct	2	-	2	8	5
Harassment	252	318	295	234	322
Desecration of Venerated Objects	-	1	3	3	1
All Other Bias Incidents	2	6	-	2	19
TOTAL	710	815	625	660	868

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES/CLEARANCES/ARRESTS 2003/2004

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES		Number of Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Number of Arrests		
					Total Arrests	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
Murder	2003	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2004	-	-	-	0	-	-
Manslaughter	2003	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2004	-	-	-	0	-	-
Rape	2003	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2004	-	-	-	0	-	-
Robbery	2003	6	4	67	10	4	6
	2004	4	3	75	4	4	-
Aggravated Assault	2003	26	20	77	13	12	1
	2004	5	3	60	7	3	4
Burglary	2003	1	-	0	0	-	-
	2004	3	2	67	7	3	4
Larceny-Theft	2003	4	-	0	0	-	-
	2004	-	-	-	0	-	-
Simple Assault	2003	37	28	76	23	15	8
	2004	50	44	88	21	8	13
Fear of Bodily Violence	2003	13	10	77	18	2	16
	2004	15	13	87	3	2	1
Arson	2003	1	-	0	0	-	-
	2004	-	-	-	0	-	-
Criminal Mischief	2003	291	18	6	24	3	21
	2004	391	25	6	18	3	15
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	2003	5	1	20	0	-	-
	2004	8	1	13	1	1	-
Weapons Offense	2003	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2004	3	3	100	0	-	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	2003	1	1	100	0	-	-
	2004	-	-	-	0	-	-
Terroristic Threats	2003	28	20	71	8	2	6
	2004	41	27	66	9	4	5
Trespass	2003	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2004	1	-	0	0	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	2003	8	7	88	3	3	-
	2004	5	5	100	1	-	1
Harassment	2003	234	143	61	30	18	12
	2004	322	234	73	52	32	20
Desecration of Venerated Objects	2003	3	-	0	2	-	2
	2004	1	-	0	0	-	-
All Other Bias Incidents	2003	2	1	50	0	-	-
	2004	19	7	37	0	-	-
TOTAL	2003	660	253	38	131	59	72
	2004	868	367	42	123	60	63

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

TARGET/TYPE – 2004

PERSON					453														
RACIAL		247		RELIGIOUS		102		ETHNIC		66		SEXUAL		37		OTHER		1	
American Indian		3		Catholic		1		Arab		16		Bisexual		-		Gender		-	
Asian		4		Hindu		1		Asian Indian		13		Heterosexual(F)		-		Handicap:		1	
Black		194		Islamic		11		Hispanic		27		Heterosexual(M)		-		(1) Physical		-	
White		38		Jewish		89		Asian		5		Homosexual(F)		6		(2) Mental		1	
Other		8		Protestant		-		Other		5		Homosexual(M)		28					
				Other		-						Homosexual(M&F)		3					

PRIVATE PROPERTY					255														
RACIAL		83		RELIGIOUS		153		ETHNIC		7		SEXUAL		12		OTHER		0	
American Indian		-		Catholic		6		Arab		2		Bisexual		-		Gender		-	
Asian		4		Hindu		2		Asian Indian		1		Heterosexual(F)		-		Handicap:		0	
Black		57		Islamic		3		Hispanic		2		Heterosexual(M)		1		(1) Physical		-	
White		15		Jewish		140		Asian		1		Homosexual(F)		3		(2) Mental		-	
Other		7		Protestant		-		Other		1		Homosexual(M)		5					
				Other		2						Homosexual(M&F)		3					

PUBLIC PROPERTY					160														
RACIAL		62		RELIGIOUS		88		ETHNIC		3		SEXUAL		7		OTHER		0	
American Indian		-		Catholic		1		Arab		-		Bisexual		-		Gender		-	
Asian		-		Hindu		-		Asian Indian		-		Heterosexual(F)		-		Handicap:		0	
Black		57		Islamic		1		Hispanic		3		Heterosexual(M)		-		(1) Physical		-	
White		3		Jewish		85		Asian		-		Homosexual(F)		-		(2) Mental		-	
Other		2		Protestant		-		Other		-		Homosexual(M)		4					
				Other		1						Homosexual(M&F)		3					

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY

2003/2004

		Murder	Man-slaughter	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Simple Assault	Fear of Bodily Violence	Arson
	2003	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Atlantic	2004	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	-
	2003	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	9	-	-
Bergen	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	2003	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	-
Burlington	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	2003	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	6	-	-
Camden	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
	2003	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Cape May	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	2003	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Cumberland	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	2003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Essex	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
	2003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Gloucester	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	2003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Hudson	2004	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	3	-
	2003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hunterdon	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	2003	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-
Mercer	2004	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	1	-	-
	2003	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	1	4	-
Middlesex	2004	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	5	2	-
	2003	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	6	1	-
Monmouth	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2	-
	2003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Morris	2004	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
	2003	-	-	-	1	6	-	1	2	1	1
Ocean	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	-
	2003	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passaic	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-
	2003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Salem	2004	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	2003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Somerset	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	2003	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Sussex	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	2003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Union	2004	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
	2003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Warren	2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2003	0	0	0	6	26	1	4	37	13	1
TOTAL	2004	0	0	0	4	5	3	0	50	15	0

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2003/2004

Criminal Mischief	Damage to Property Threat of Violence	Weapons Offenses	Sex Offenses	Terroristic Threats	Trespass	Disorderly Conduct	Harassment	Desecration of Venerated Objects	All Other Bias Incidents	TOTAL
11	1	-	-	1	-	-	11	-	-	26
10	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	24
30	1	-	-	2	-	-	22	-	-	66
28	2	-	-	5	-	-	26	1	2	66
10	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	24
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	32
26	-	-	-	4	-	-	11	-	-	51
41	1	-	-	1	-	1	31	-	-	78
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	7
3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5
6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	13
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	15
9	2	-	-	3	-	1	7	-	-	23
12	-	-	-	3	-	-	9	-	1	27
13	-	-	-	6	-	1	17	-	-	38
22	1	-	-	-	-	1	22	-	-	48
9	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	-	-	18
11	-	-	-	1	-	-	8	-	-	26
3	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	7
7	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	12
13	-	-	-	1	-	-	17	1	-	36
18	-	3	-	1	-	-	10	-	-	37
30	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	55
24	-	-	-	5	-	-	15	-	1	54
42	-	-	1	2	-	1	34	1	2	96
58	-	-	-	2	1	3	83	-	3	161
21	1	-	-	1	-	1	13	-	-	38
30	-	-	-	4	-	-	15	-	6	57
25	-	-	-	2	-	2	30	-	-	71
34	1	-	-	13	-	-	48	-	1	110
12	-	-	-	3	-	-	4	-	-	20
12	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	24
5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	8
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
11	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	28
35	1	-	-	2	-	-	10	-	1	51
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	8
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	10
6	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	14
6	-	-	-	3	-	-	4	-	1	17
5	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	-	13
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	13
291	5	0	1	28	0	8	234	3	2	660
391	8	3	0	41	1	5	322	1	19	868

VICTIM/OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS

2004

	VICTIM	OFFENDER
AGE		
10 and under	18	7
11 to 17	134	199
18 to 20	24	36
21 to 25	40	35
26 to 30	25	17
31 to 35	31	14
36 to 40	63	29
41 to 45	43	20
46 to 50	34	25
51 to 60	24	12
61 and over	17	13
TOTAL AGE	453	407
SEX		
Male	294	345
Female	159	62
TOTAL SEX	453	407
RACE		
American Indian	19	24
Asian	32	9
Black	185	57
White	187	306
Other	30	11
TOTAL RACE	453	407

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

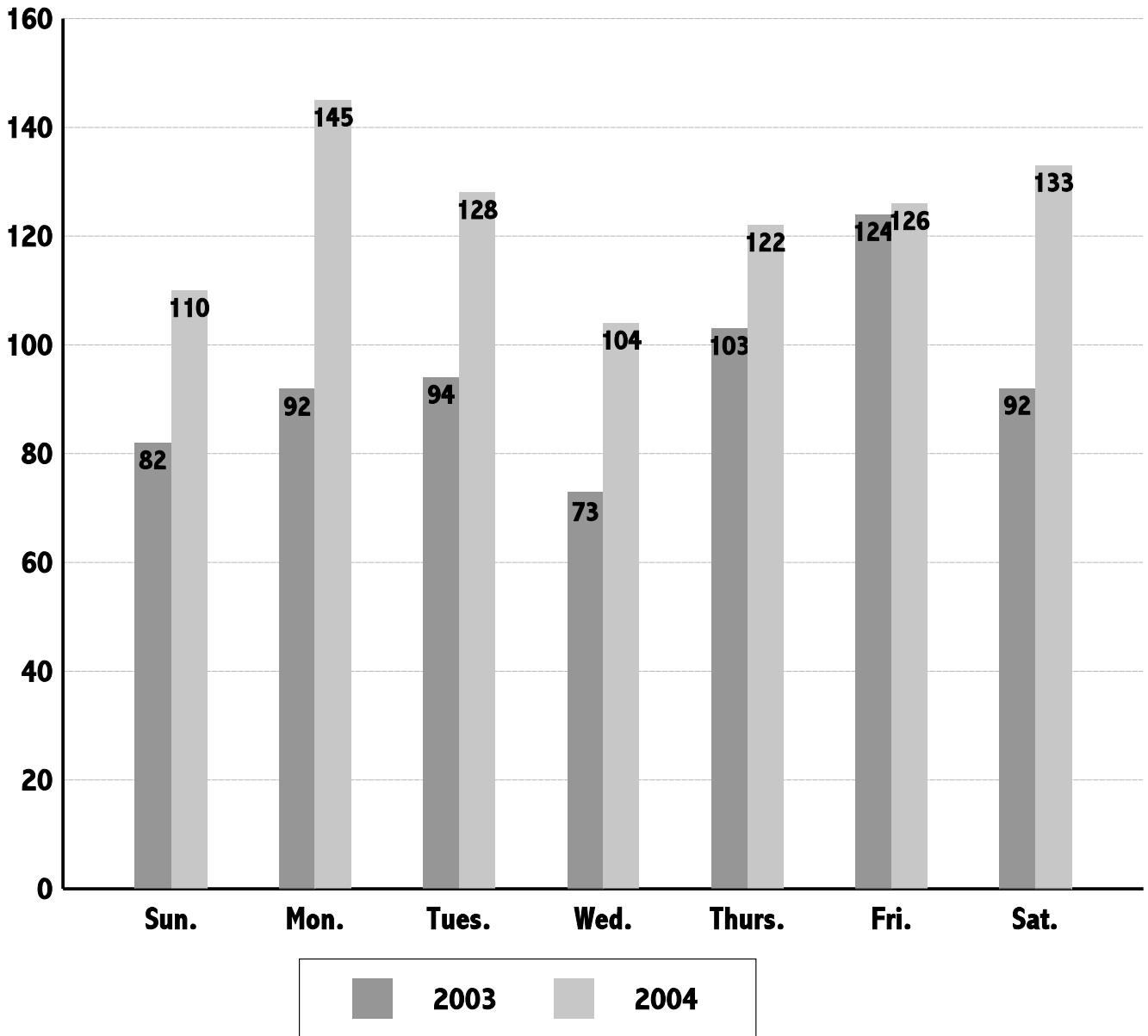
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Description of Incident		Place of Occurrence		Relationship of Victim to Offender	
Swastika	169	Residence	208	Acquaintance	103
Cross Burning	5	Religious Building	26	Neighbor	53
Graffiti	182	Government Building	26	Employee	7
In Person	316	School Building	185	Stranger	153
Letters	91	Business Establishment	97	Unknown	500
Telephone	50	Cemetery	1	Other	52
Other	55	Motor Vehicle	93		
		Highway	61		
		Parking Lot	34		
		Other	137		
TOTAL	868	TOTAL	868	TOTAL	868

TYPE OF BIAS									
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC		SEXUAL		OTHER	
American Indian	3	Catholic	8	Arab	18	Bisexual	-	Gender	-
Asian	8	Hindu	3	Asian Indian	14	Heterosexual(F)	-	Handicap:	1
Black	308	Islamic	15	Hispanic	32	Heterosexual(M)	1	(1) Physical	-
White	56	Jewish	314	Asian	6	Homosexual(F)	9	(2) Mental	1
Other	17	Protestant	-	Other	6	Homosexual(M)	37		
		Other	3			Homosexual(M&F)	9		
TOTAL	392	TOTAL	343	TOTAL	76	TOTAL	56	TOTAL	1

BIAS INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK

2003/2004



BIAS INCIDENT BY MONTH

2003/2004

